

TO THE
SAINTS
IN
SION,
A Song of
PRAISE.

Together with some short Hints,
especially in the second Part,
by Way of Prophecy, concern-
ing the Judgments of God up-
on the World for their Sins,
by Famine, by the Sword, by
Pestilence, and by Fire from
Heaven.

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The Preface.

AS to the Way and Means by which the Matters in this little Book were made manifest to the Author, it was thus: He having been for some time under great inward Concern about the Truth of Christian Religion, a future State, and Salvation of his Soul, and which Sect of all the Professors of Christianity, if any of them were in the right, and observing they had all something to say and pretend from the Scriptures, and some misunderstood and perverted Passages, and yet differed very much among themselves, and all in one thing or other, from the Truth and Nature of Things they profess, has left off all search that Way, and all communion with any Sect for a Time, (having been of the National Church, and not making his Case known to any Creature, but addressing himself in Secret to the Almighty, on whom alone he depended for the knowledge of the Truth, believing that God could not deceive him. And the Lord who knew the Sincerity of his Heart mercifully answered the desire of his Soul, by the sensible Operation of the Word of eternal Life manifested within him: The Evidence whereof is certain and undeniable to him who is favoured with it in his Mind.

And being thus brought to the Knowledge of God in some Degree, all the Sects he had, in any Measure been acquainted with appeared unto him as dead Images and Statues, walking by Art and not by Life, and he remained, as he thought, alone for some time; something like the Prophet of Old, who thought himself alone when the Lord had seven thousand hidden ones who had held their Integrity, when the Body of that People were degenerated and revolted from the Way of the Lord.

Thus he remained under the daily and secret influence and comfort of the divine Presence for some time, till one Afternoon his Mind was totally silenced thereby, until the fourth Hour in the Evening, when being alone in his Chamber, and a little Paper Book lying on the Table, which he had made without any purpose to any particular End, and Pen and Ink standing there; the holy Spirit of Truth began to move in his Heart in that Silence, and set the things written in this

Book



Book in the view of his Mind, and then he took the same Book, and wrote as the Matters therein contained were opened unto him, without any fore-thought, study or contrivance of his own, and continuing writing 'till about Midnight, the Impulse then ceased and the writing was finished, which he could not afterward transcribe in less than near twice the time.

But the next Day reading it over, and finding some great things expressed in the first Person, as if relative to himself, and his State at that time not answering to them, he was about to destroy the Book, but was hindered by this sudden Thought: That the Excellency of the things therein written were true in the Dictator, tho' not at all at that time in the Writer, but might be fulfilled in him in due time by the same Power, if he continued faithful and obedient unto the future Manifestations of it himself, and might be fulfilled also in every Member of the Church of Christ, according to their various uses in the Body, and so far as human Nature is capable of so great Glory; which is much more than the natural Man can conceive or believe while in the State of Nature only, and unacquainted with the Divine Power of the Word of eternal Life.

And the next Evening about the fourth Hour was the second Part begun, and finished in a short Time, and then the Opening ceased, and so did the Writer cease to write any further.

And tho' these Matters have been made known only to few hitherto during the lapse of about fifty Years, yet the Writer finds himself now concerned in the same Mind to make them more publick, exposing them to the Sentiments and Censure of all to whom they may happen to come, the credit or discredit of them being but of little Moment in his Account.

But as to those Expressions in the second Part, where it is said in the Name of the Lamb of God, *I will bring Hunger on the Land, such as was not since the foundation of the World was laid, and all the Earth shall fear before me.*

They have delighted in the Sword, and the Sword shall devour them, &c.

And as to the *Plagues and Destruction* there mentioned. *And Fire from Heaven upon all Flesh, &c.* The Wri-

ter understands them more or rather in a Spiritual than natural Sense; that Mankind, having been seduced by false Teachers to rely on certain Shadows and Symbols of the true and everlasting Bread and Substance, whereby they have rested short and ignorant of it in a State of Death, and sought no further; yet the time cometh, and now is begun, when Mankind shall be so awakened by the Voice of the Lord himself, that empty Shadows shall not satisfy them any longer, but an universal *Hunger* (not Famine) shall be raised in them, in order that they may be plentifully fed and satisfied with the Bread of Life which endureth for ever, and nourishes the Soul up into Life eternal.

And as to the Sword, it is to be understood thus: That the Professors of Christ, who is the Prince of divine and eternal Peace, have been so seduced as to take up the Sword of Destruction one against another, contrary to the Nature and End of the Kingdom of Christ, the Lord will fight against them by the Sword of his Mouth, which is the Word of God, by which he will destroy the Sword of Destruction, and that evil one in and by whose instigations Mankind have used it. And then shall be fulfilled that antient Prophecy, *Nation shall not lift up Sword against Nation, neither shall they learn War any more.*

And as many among Mankind are exceeding Sinful, the necessary Consequences whereof are accounted Plagues and Distresses among the Children of Men, yet the Judgments of God in the Earth are administered in Mercy, that they may learn Righteousness thereby and be redeemed from them and their Causes by turning unto the Lord who smites them; and the Plagues mentioned in the Revelation were administered unto that End, and not for the Destruction of the People, unless they persisted in those Evils for which they were so plagued.

And as to that Fire from Heaven, it is not to be understood in a Natural Sense, but as a glorious, more plentiful, and general Dispensation of the All-powerful Word of God, which is declared in the Scriptures to be as a Fire. It is the universal Restoration of Mankind in due time to the Knowledge of God, by the inward Revelation of the Son of God, as he is the Messenger and Mediator of the new Covenant of Light and Life from the Father.

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To

To the Saints in Sion,
A SONG of PRAISE.

HE A R, O ye Mountains, and give
 ear, O ye Cædars of Lebanon, the
 Lord, the Light of Jerusalem, the
 Life of Saints, has put a Song of Praise in
 my Mouth, and caused me to rejoice in the
 Valley of *Jehosophat*.

I was in the *Desart*, and he led me
 forth by the Power of his right Hand, I
 was fall'n, and he stretched out his Hand
 and set me Upright; yea, I was dead, and
 behold he raised me from the *Grave*.

I was also an hungred, and he fed me,
 with the Bread of his everlasting *Covenant*.

I weakly fainted in the Way, but the
King of the *holy Mountain* reviv'd me, by
 the *Word* of his *Promise*.

He has laid my Foundations with Beau-
 ty, with precious Stones of divers Colours,
 and the Superstructure's all Glory.

Come sing with me, O ye Valleys and
 Flowers

Flowers of the Plains, let us clap our Hands for Joy; for the *King* of the *East* has visited us, and has smiled on our Beauty, because he saw his *Name* written on every Flower, and his *glorious Image* on every *lovely Plain*.

Come, let us walk after him to the Seat of his *Judgement*, that we may see *Justice* executed on the *Mountains*.

Woe unto thee *O Babel*, and unto thy Children for ever; for the *unalterable Decree* is gone forth against thee, and the *Executor* of *Justice* comes towards thee with Wings.

Tremble *O ye Nations*, who have drank of the Wine of the Wrath of her Fornications; for ye shall be rooted out as twice dead and withered, and cast into the Lake of everlasting Torment.

Cry aloud with Tears, *O ye Worshipers* in the *outward Court*; for behold he offered you *Peace*, but ye laid hold on *War*; he offered you *Reconciliation*, but ye went on *persecuting* the *Saints* of the most High.

He called in the Bowells of his Mercy, *come and enjoy the Fruits of my Love*, and did

did ye not answer? *There is no Satisfaction in thee.*

Ye stood about the Doors of the Sanctuary, and he sent forth to invite you in, but ye refused, and withheld others also: But thus saith the right Hand of the Throne of the Majesty on high, I will arise in my Fury and come to Judgement; I will suddenly tear in Pieces and there shall be none to deliver.

Who will withhold my Wrath from the Children of Disobedience? or who shall divert my Love from the Contrite ones?

Light up your Lamps, O virgin Daughters of Jerusalem! for the *Bridegroom* is come to feast his Guests, with the Oil of Gladness in the Chambers of Love.

Come, ye ragged ones, come, sit down before the *King*; for behold he is meek and lowly in Heart, and loveth the Humble. Tho' ye be naked he will clothe you with Righteousness; tho' ye be hungry he will feed you with the Bread of eternal Life.

Fear not, O ye of low Degree, for with our God there is no Respect of Persons.

Fear

Fear not, O ye little ones, for he shew'd
you his loving Kindness of Old, and with
him there is no Shadow of turning.

Awake, awake, O ye that sleep in Tref-
passes and Sins; for the Trumpet sounds
aloud in the *City of our King*.

Be ye raised, O ye Dead, and stand up-
right before the Lord; for he is true and
faithful that sent forth his *Word*.

Conquer, O conquer, thou love of God,
those that in Ignorance oppose thy Mercy.

Smite thy People with great *Thirst*, O
All-powerful God, that they may drink
abundantly of the Waters of thy Salvation.

Make them *hungry* even unto Death,
that they may eat and be refreshed by the
Bread of everlasting Life.

Call them from the *Husks* of *outward*
Shadows, and feed them with the *inward*
Manna of the *Tree of Life*.

Take from them the Bread and Wine
which they have abused to Abomination,
and give them the Fruit of the *living Vine*
at the Father's Table.

Bereave

Bereave thy People, (O most Faithful and True) of their polluted Waters, and wash them white in *Regeneration* by thy Holy Spirit, and cleanse them fully by thy righteous Judgements, that they may receive thy burning Love.

Consider their Weakness, O Father of Mercies; for they are but Flesh and Blood, and cannot see thro' the Vail into the *Holy of Holies* in thy *glorious Temple*.

Rend the Vail of carnal Wisdom, O thou wonderful Councillor, and display thy Glory in full Perfection.

Dissolve the great World of Pride, Covetousness, Drunkenness, Lying, Cursing, Oppressions, Filthy Communications, Whoredoms, that thou mayst establish Righteousness and Peace for ever.

The Measure of Iniquity is now brim Full, that thy Wrath may have a full Draught of the Blood of thy Enemies.

Rejoice with us, O ye that rest in Hope; for ye shall shortly be raised to Glory.

For the Lord has laid hold on the *Sword* of his wonderful *Power*, and behold

hold Wrath is gone out before him to Judgement.

He will shake the Earth with terrible Plagues, and behold the Fear thereof was never equalled,

The Heavens and the Earth (which now are) shall pass away before his Breath, even the Breath of his Mouth, and shall be found no more for Ever and Ever.

Those who hearken to the *false Prophet*, and continue to give ear to the *old Serpent* ;

That break the Commands of the God of Jacob, Day by Day, and cast his Laws behind their Backs ;

That set at Naught his Statutes, and trample under Foot the Blood of his everlasting Covenant ;

That bring the Idols of their Vanity before the God of Purity, whose Eyes can behold no Spot; shall not stand in the Judgement of the Prince of Righteousness, but shall be cast out of the Presence of the Lamb, into the Lake of Wrath prepared for the Devil and his Angels.

The

The Apostate *Whore*, that was divorc'd
for her Fornication and Perfidy, who rode
Headlong upon her Beast of Self-love,
Pride, Covetousness and Envy, unto the
Pleasures of *Sodom* and *Ægypt*, unto the
Ocean of the Abominations of Hell, shall
likewise have her Portion with the Serpent
and false Prophet, as a full Recompence of
Reward for the Fruits of her Doings.

Rejoice over her, all ye Saints of the
Lamb of God, for he that is mighty to save
has delivered you from her Allurements,
and discovered to you the Secrets of his
Council.

I was Silent before the Lord as a Child
not yet wean'd; he put Words in my
Mouth, and I sang forth his Praise with an
audible Voice.

I called unto my God out of the Depths
of Affliction, he put on Bowels of Mercy
and had Compassion on me, because his
Love was Infinite, and his Power without
Measure.

He call'd for my Life, and I offered it
at his Footstool, but he gave it me as a
Prey with an unspeakable Addition.

He call'd for my Will and I resign'd it at
his

his Call, but he return'd me the Fruits of his own as a Token of his Love.

He call'd for the *World*, I laid it at his Feet, with the *Crowns* thereof, I withheld them not at the beck'ning of his Hand.

But mark the Benefit of Exchange! for he gave me instead of Earth a Kingdom of eternal Peace, and in lieu of the Crowns of Vanity a Crown of Glory.

My God call'd me from my Father and I went a-pace, he call'd me his Son, and cloathed me with his Garments.

He call'd me from the Wife of my Youth, and I ran in hast, he espoused me to his Son, and I became his near Relation.

What moved thee to this, O Life of my Soul! O Glory of the Saints! for I was become vile with the Blackness of *Ægypt*.

Was it not thy infinite Love and Mercy, thy unalterable Patience and Humility, that brought thee from thy Throne below thy Footstool, in the Likeness of Vanity, that thou might'st exalt me above the high Heavens in a Kingdom of everlasting Rest.

Thou hast made me bold before thee,
thou

thou hast made me confident in thy Sight;
behold now I speak without Restraint, be-
cause thy Free-will has made me free.

Lo! now thy Election is a free Election,
and thy Call without Controversy.

They gaz'd upon me, they said I was
Mad, Distracted, and become a Fool; they
lamented because my Freedom came.

They whisper'd against me in the vanity
of their Imaginations, but I inclined mine
Ear to the whisperings of the Spirit of
Truth.

I said what am I that I should receive
such Honour? but he remov'd the Moun-
tains out of my Way, and by his *secret*
Workings prest me forward.

He gave me a Reward, and behold I
had done no *Work*, he gave me Wages
even before I had wrought in his *Vineyard*.

When the Lord quicken'd me I prayed
for Obedience; he was pleased with my
desire, and granted my Request in the
Might of his Power.

My Lord called and I heard his Voice,
but I knew him not; for the Darkness of
Ignorance

Ignorance had caused Unbelief: I answer'd and said, who art thou Lord; and he inform'd me by the living Word of his Love and Mercy.

He gave me living Faith to lay hold on his Voice, and saving Knowledge to avoid the Voice of the Serpent.

He gave me Joy which no Tongue can express, and Peace which passeth Understanding.

My Heart was melted with the height of Comfort, my Soul Baptiz'd in the depths of Love, mine Eyes gush'd out with Tears of greatest Pleasure.

The Men of the Earth looked on as a Man forsaken of Hope, given up to Fear, and surrounded with Shame.

They said behold a Man Foolish in his Imaginations, seeking after Vanity, and given over to believe Lies: But I regarded not: For I had the Jewel in prospect, the promised Land in view.

I followed the Voice of the Shepherd who gave me Food according to my Strength, and I found all Things even as he had said of old.

He

He gave me Power to open my Mouth concerning Things to come, and gave me a Name by which I shall be saved.

I will call for perseverance in the Ways of Life, the hidden *Manna* Day by Day receiv'd.

My Comforter also Taught me to Pray in Knowledge and in Faith, I begged himself and he gave me *All*.

He gave me Power to do Wonders also, to keep his Commandments through his Holy Spirit, and walk in his Paths of Righteousness with joyful Songs.

I will call upon him in the Days of Temptation, and when I am in the Shadow of Death the Lord shall be my Strength.

Wilt thou wash my Feet, O Lord, with the washing of Regeneration that I may tread the Paths of Life before thy Face.

Blessed art thou, O Virgin, Daughter of *Jerusalem*, for thy Streets are laid with Peace, thy Walls are surrounded with Power, thy Gates are Adorn'd with Beauty, thine Habitations with Purity. Thy Temple is Adorn'd with Glory within and Holiness without, and thy Priests are establish'd for ever more.

Thy

Thy King, O *Sion*, is the Mighty Lord of Hosts, the God of all *Glorious Majesty*, the Prince of Peace. The Strength of *Jacob*, the Hope of *Israel*, the Help of the Distressed, the Comfort of the Comfortless, the Strength of the Weak, the Husband to the Widow, the Father to the Fatherless, the Feeder of the Hungry, the Clother of the Naked, the Purifier of the Unclean, the Washer of the Filthy, the Healer of the Sick, the Raiser of the Dead, the Judge of all the World, and the everlasting Life.

How canst thou therefore fall, O Virgin Daughter of *Sion*? Or how should thy Walls be raised, that are founded upon the Rock of Truth, on the Pillars of Eternal Power?

Truth bears the Keys of the Kingdom and a Lie cannot enter therein; for a Lie bears the Image of Darkness, it is near akin to Ignorance, Blindness, Folly, Superstition, Madness, and Idolatry.

A Lie is the Key of the bottomless Pit, and sets the Gate thereof wide open to the Children of Disobedience and Unbelievers.

A Lie is the Path of Hypocrites, the Way to Great *Babell*, the Streets of *Babell* are Pav'd

Pav'd with a Lie, Pride, Covetousness, Envy, and Deceit, with Craft and Oppression.

Her Pleasure is everlasting Torment, her Prince the God of the Earth, *Apolion* the Destroyer, the old Serpent, the second Death; Her Foundations are falshoods and perfidiousness for Ever,

She burns *in hatred* to Almighty God, the Smoke of her Blasphemy Ascends for Ever and Ever. ——— *Hallelujah.*

Watch, O ye Disciples of the Lamb of God, lest you be found Sleeping when your Lord calleth, and be thereby unfit to enter into his Rest.

Watch and Pray, lest you enter into the Temptation of Self-Confidence, and lye in the Beds of Seli-Security, and the Fire come and devour you up.

Know ye not, that whilst ye were carnally Minded ye Judged according to the Things of the Flesh; but being renewed in the Spirit you Judge all Things in Righteousness and Knowledge; yea, through his Love that raised you up, ye shall Judge Angels.

Bow down, O ye Mountains of the

Earth, before Majesty of the Glory of our God, in the *Name of Jesus*; for it is a *Name of Humility*, of *perfect* and *unspotted Humility*.

O stay no longer amongst the *Swine* ye *Prodigal Sons* of God, but leave off the *Husks* of *Carnal Formalities* of *Man's Invention*, by the *Wisdom* of this *World* and return to the *Father's House*, that ye may be *fed* with the *Bread of Life* to your everlasting *Reconciliation*.

Cry aloud with Joy, ye *Vallies*, and *Flowers* of the *Plains*, for *Christ* is your *Exaltation* far above all *Heavens*, even into *Fellowship* and *Union* with the *Father* of all comfortable *Mercies*.

Behold this is the *Name* by which alone there is *Salvation*, the *only Name* under *Heaven* by which ye are *saved*.

This is He that is your *unfeigned Obedience*, your *unspotted Righteousness*, your *acceptable Peace-Offering*, your *Lamb of Innocency*, your *Sprinkling of Purity*, your *Baptism of Holiness*, and your *full Perfection*.

He is your *Spouse*, in *Relation* to whom ye Cry *Aba Father*, your *Eternal Glory* and *everlasting Comfort*.

Give

Give Ear, O ye living Temples of the
Holy Ghost, and Sing Praises to the God of
 Life in his *Holy Mountain* for ever more,
 — *Halelujah*.

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 21st of the 11 Month in the Evening,
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The Second Part.

ARISE, Arise, O ye that Sleep in
 the •Mists of Sin and Folly, put
 the Garments of Righteousness on
 your naked Souls: For the everlasting Day
 is breaking forth; the brightness of his
 Glory shall disperse the Clouds of Unrighteousness,
 and the Abominations of the
 Earth shall fall before his Judgments.

Go to, ye that are polluted with the
Fleshy Lusts of the *World*, Wash ye, in the
 Blood of the Covenant, that ye be not
 smitten when the Destroyer cometh.

Rejoice, Rejoice, O ye *Slaves* of the
 Captivity of *Babell*; for the Time of your
 Delivery

Delivery is near at Hand : The King shall
Command and none shall disobey ; for his
Love is *free* without *respect of Persons*.

Flow down like Wax before the Fire, O
ye Mountains of Pride ; for the Prince of
Meekness has overcome you.

Fly swiftly before him, ye *Lusts of the
Flesh* ; for he shall destroy you by the
Glory of his Presence.

Lament and be exceeding Sorrowful, O
thou Seat of the Beast ; for he has a Treas-
ure of Wrath prepared for thee.

Thy City shall be laid Waste, and who
will make Intercession for Thee ?

The Measure of thine Iniquities is now
Brim-full, yea, running over with Abomi-
nations.

Thou hast polluted my People with thy
Witchcrafts, and behold thy Sorceries are
in all Nations.

Thou hast exalted thy Self in the Ima-
ginations of thine own Heart ; and hast
caus'd my People to adore thine Idols.

Thou hast made them frame Images to
me

me of their own Invention, to mount up in the Towers of their own Building.

Thus am I provok'd to bring Confusion upon the Language of their carnal Imaginations, so they know not each his Neighbour's Meaning.

Every Man is become Righteous in his own Eyes, and there be few that value Judgement.

Instead of the Scepter of Peace, they have laid hold on War, and have despised the Words of my Kingdom.

They have contended about outward Things, which shall be brought to an End; but my living Way they have despised.

I commanded them to Love, but behold they Hated; to forgive each other, but they hatch Revenge.

I called for Righteousness, but lo the Cries of the oppressed came up before me from Day to Day.

I demanded their Hearts, but they sacrific'd them to the World, and perfidiously broke their Covenant.

I told them that my Gospel was Truth and Peace; but behold they have chosen War and a Lye.

The Whoremongers said unto the Drunkards, ye are wicked Men, and those of filthy Communication reproach the Scornful.

The Sodomites were laugh'd to scorn by the Adulterers, and the Adulterers were hilt at by the Vipers of Malice.

Thus every wicked Beast oppressed another, and every one devour'd his Prey.

The Lord also gave them up to a reprobate Mind in the Counsel of his Judgment, that their Iniquities might be fulfilled.

But behold I have pronounced Sentence, saith the Lamb of God, against those that have seduced my People.

I will bring *Hunger* on the Land; such as was not since the Foundation of the World was laid, and all the Earth shall fear before me.

They have delighted in the *Sword*, and the *Sword* shall devour them, even from one end of the Earth to the other.

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In their Wickedness they have called for *Plagues* and *Distruction*, and behold it is even at the Doors of their City.

I will rain Fire from Heaven upon all Flesh, saith Almighty God, even the Coals of Fire from off mine Altar.

The Heavens shall pass away at the Appearance of his Majesty, and the Earth shall not abide his Glory.

He will overshadow his Spouse with the Wings of eternal Peace, and 'stablish her in his wonderous Love.

The Chaff of Polutions he will consume with Fury, but the Rock of Truth shall last for evermore.

He will give his own to understand his Counsel, and feed them with his hidden Knowledge.

The fruit of his everlasting Vine shall they drink new in his Kingdom, and sit down with him in Joy for ever.

He saw their Meekness, Humility and Faith, and gave them the Land for an everlasting Possession.

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He was found faithful to his Promise of
Old, in a plenteous Redemption to all
Israel.

He remembered his Covenant with
Abraham of Old, and establish'd his Peace
with *Jacob*.

He establish'd his Tabernacle alone in
the holy Mountain, and none assisted in his
Offering of *Reconciliation*.

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